

Ex-student busted for lewd photos

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Former Northwest student faces up to 10 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for allegedly possessing and distributing child pornography. Nicholas Bromert, 22, enrolled at Northwest as recently as last Friday, pled guilty to one count of class B felony distributing child pornography in the first degree in a Clay County, Mo. court on Friday.

After receiving verbal and written consent to search Bromert's personal laptop computer, investigators found 16 pictures "contained photos of toddlers and children performing sexual acts," according to the probable cause statement from the Liberty, Mo. police department.

"We are certainly taking this seriously. We reviewed the file and seeing what was on the computer—I find it appalling," said Clay County prosecuting attorney Dan White. "We are not taking this lightly; it was disturbing."

The investigation began last year when a California man transmitted child pornography via the internet to an undercover detective in El Paso, Texas. At the same time, Curtis McCutcheon from San Rafael, Calif. sent the pictures to others on the internet. One of the recipients, using the AOL screen name "Nickerfish," was traced to Bromert's family's home in Liberty.

Then on Sept. 28, police found that McCutcheon allegedly received 63 images from "Nickerfish" on August 4 depicting young women between the ages of 10 and 18 in various pornographic positions, according to the Liberty



Nicholas Bromert

police department.

After being issued a search warrant, police seized two computers and several storage disks from Bromert's residence in Liberty.

Bromert then voluntarily surrendered to questioning and gave consent to search his laptop, which investigators sent to a laboratory for analysis. At that time, Bromert gave a statement in which he admitted to receiving and "could have sent child pornography" from his computer, according to the probable cause statement.

The statement also said he admitted sending child pornography to other AOL and Yahoo users.

On Jan. 11, the seized computers

yielded more than 150 pictures, one movie and links to web pages containing child pornography. There were also more than 50 chat logs in which someone under the user name "Nickerfish" held dialogue with "people asking for pictures, talking about having sex with (a youth), and 'cyber sex' role-playing acting like a young boy and sometimes a girl," the probable cause statement also said.

Bromert, who as of press time did not return multiple contact attempts, was arrested on Jan. 20 and posted bond the same day.

Friends and co-workers find it especially hard to accept the unexpected news. Bromert worked as the production director for the student radio station KZLX, and the charges leave all who knew Bromert in shock.

"(The news) took me back. It took me a long time to realize what I had heard," said Joseph Stokes, a friend and co-worker of Bromert's. "He's very polite, always had a

smile on his face—just a normal person. I never would have seen this coming. I just hope he gets the help that he needs to be able to be the Nick that I knew."

KZLX Station manager Grant Neckermann said that while the news was a shock, Bromert is still innocent until determined otherwise by a court of law.

"He's one of the best jockeys we have, very outgoing and easy to talk to—certainly not what you think of a stereotypical child pornographer," Neckermann said. "But, it's innocent until proven guilty, and we fully expect him back next year."

While Bromert has been formally charged with the one felony count, the chance for additional charges to be added still looms.

"Having looked at what was on that computer, if (additional charges are) in the best interest of all of those involved, there's certainly a basis to do so," White said.

Bromert is scheduled to appear in Clay County Circuit Court Division Six on Feb. 22 at 9 a.m.

Former Bobby gets Bush promotion

COLE YOUNG
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His cell phone rang every five minutes until 1 a.m. Jacob DiPietro, however, just kept answering the calls; it's just part of the job.

As the press secretary for Florida governor Jeb Bush, the newest graduate DiPietro is the man media goes through if they want to talk to one of the most well-known governors in the nation.

While he doesn't normally receive late-night phone calls, he is the point man during the Florida Hurricanes this fall. "We had people calling all night it seemed like," DiPietro said. Then early the next morning all the national news networks called wanting to set up an interview with the governor.

Though he isn't sure on the exact number of minutes he spent on his cell phone, the bill reached nearly \$800.

"I have the unlimited plan," he joked, "but when you reach the point they start charging extra."

West days

Before graduating from Northwest in December 2000, DiPietro led a full life as a Bearcat.

In addition to holding positions at *The Northwest Missourian* from staff writer to Editor in Chief, he acted as the symbol of the university portraying Bobby the Bearcat.

"He was very talented," said John Yates, who served as DiPietro's coach during DiPietro's years. "Whether it was in the classroom or when he performed for us, he always did a very good job."

While acting as Bobby the Bearcat, the Bobby Bearcat Fan Club also started.

DiPietro wasn't one of those guys you would think would be a "Bobby Bobby," Yates said. "Once he put on the outfit though, he became Bobby and was very outgoing."

Along with being active in Tau Kappa Epsilon, DiPietro stayed involved as well as helping develop a foundation for his interest in public relations for the congressman.

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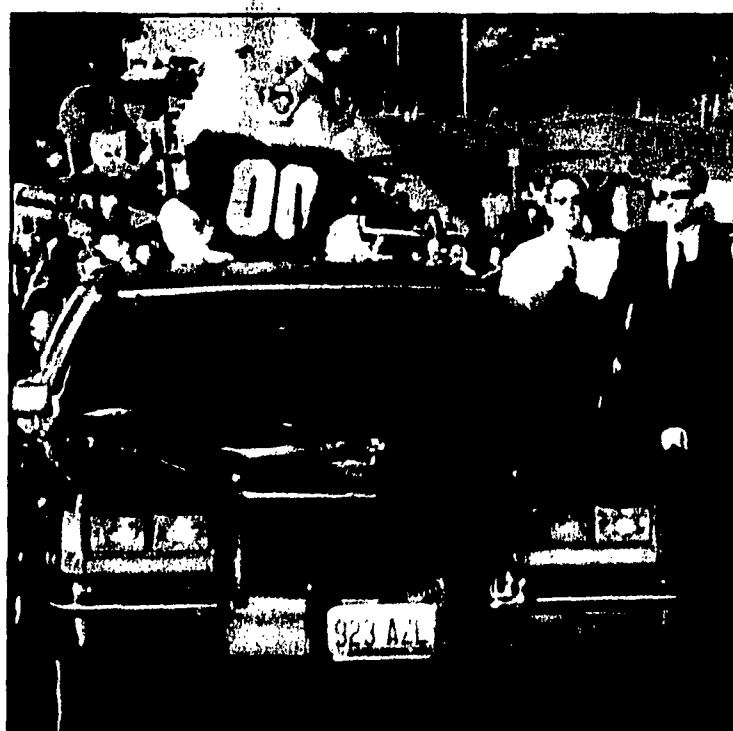
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Northwest alumnus Jacob DiPietro rides through the 1998 Homecoming parade.

Car vandalism sweeps through campus lots

BY COLE YOUNG
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Several students in South Complex and the high-rise residence halls woke up Sunday morning to find their tires punctured.

According to Campus Safety sergeant Raymond Ottoman, vehicles in three different university lots sustained damage.

"Most of the vandalism over the weekend was tires being punctured," Ottoman said. "We also had a vehicle 'keyed' only it didn't look as though the damage was done by a key."

Campus Safety currently has no leads on the case and asks Northwest students to keep aware of what goes on around campus.

Patrick Fedo and Lance Moore learned of their punctured tires Sunday morning.

"I just came out Sunday morning and Campus Safety called me and told me I had a tire slashed," Fedo said.

While Fedo just had one tire ruined, Moore wasn't as lucky.

Moore, a Franken Hall Resident Assistant, found all four of his truck tires vandalized.

"I don't know why someone would do something like that," Moore said. "I figure it has to be random with as many different cars as they hit that night."

Both Moore and Campus Safety seem hesitant to refer to the incidents as tire slashing, but rather consider them to be tire puncturing.

Only one of Moore's tires had more than one hole punched in it.

"It looked like one tire got it twice," Moore said. "Just a quick stab. They didn't even bend over. All four of (the holes) were at the top, right in the sidewall."

The victims of the vandalism seem to be random targets, but Campus Safety offers several ideas on how to keep your car safe.

"A lot of times people who live in the residence halls won't see their cars for several days," Ottoman said. "People should go out and check their cars every day."

Moore did see his car every day and it sat in plain sight of many passersby.

"It was on the front row of the Franken parking lot," Moore said. "It was right underneath the light, you would have never expected it to happen."

Ottoman added that there have not been

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Effect of emotional trauma lingers indefinitely

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When a fire invades a forest, the devastation begins to diminish almost as soon as the flames from the fire hose suffocate the flames. When a murder leaves a husband a widow, a baby motherless and other family and friends with unanswered questions, the pain is not extinguished with intermittent

blasts of water.

The psychological effects of the Bobbi Jo Stinnett murder that rocked rural Skidmore, Mo., will remain for an indefinite amount of time, according to Carla Edwards, professor of psychology, sociology and counseling at Northwest.

"After any murder, people have problems trusting directly afterwards," Edwards said. "In small towns it is easier to identify some-

one who is not familiar and they may start to distrust anything that is out of the ordinary."

But residents must not only deal with the fact that Stinnett died but also the absurd manner of the murder. Lisa Montgomery faces charges stating she entered the Stinnett household, strangled her with rope and then used a kitchen knife to perform a Caesarean section to extract the baby from her womb.

"I have been practicing psychology since

1985 and I am at a complete loss," Edwards said. "I have worked in correctional facilities with many criminals so I would say I am not shocked easily, but it is absolutely beyond my comprehension how anyone could do this."

Although murder ravages a community of any size, Edwards says that because this

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ABC NEWS
Victoria Stinnett is one of the reasons Skidmore residents have to rejoice in the wake of her mother's death.

Meal offers students cultural experience

BY MARISSA EBELING

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Students at Northwest will be treated to a cultural dining and entertainment experience at the 13th annual Feast of Cultures.

Northwest's foreign language honor societies, Phi Sigma Iota and Alpha Mu Gamma, sponsor the Feast of Cultures, also known as Fiesta de Culturas and Fete des Cultures. The event takes place 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in the Union Ballroom.

Phi Sigma Iota member Amanda Tabler believes culture proves vital to the university.

"I think that it's important for people to expand their knowledge of different cultures," Tabler said. "Food speaks to students more than most things, so if we can con-

nect culturally through food, it will open doors to more opportunities."

The menu, comprised of an appetizer, a potato and green bean salad with an entree of chicken cooked in orange sauce served with broccoli and cauliflower in French sauce, also includes a traditional green salad with French cheese and a cranberry and apple pie from Quebec.

"The feast allows people to experience a celebration of dinner European-style and to try a variety of dishes from several different countries," said Dr. Louise Horner in a recent press release.

Tickets sell for \$12 for students. They can be purchased from the Student Services center in the Administration Building until Monday, January 3.

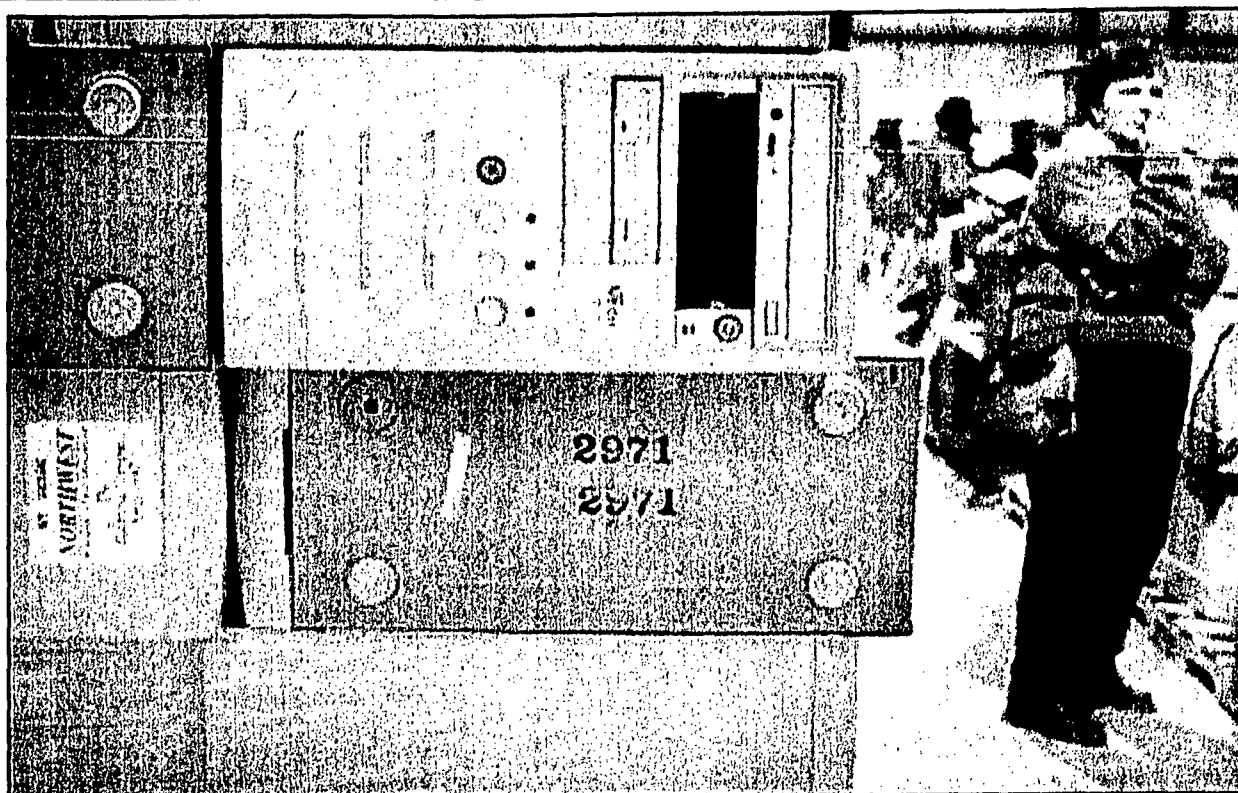


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Pallets of computer hard drives, monitors, keyboards and other miscellaneous computer items lined the Materials Distribution Center Tuesday for Northwest's University auction. The university usually holds three-four auctions a year to clean out the surplus building.

Computers, buildings, mixers find new homes after University auction

BY BEN KOEHN

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Auctioneer Mike Sherman rattled off competing bids like a machine gun Tuesday morning as Northwest raised more than \$20,000 selling surplus property at the Materials Distribution Center.

"There was some really good stuff here," said Sherman, who works out of Springfield, Mo. at Sherman Auction Service. He has been attending the Northwest surplus auctions for over 20 years.

"(It) went real well, better than what I did think (it was going to be)," Northwest employee Angie Wolters said.

Wolters oversees the buying of supplies for Northwest and for the last nine years worked with Sherman at the surplus auctions.

Everything from previously owned Rolodexes to a single lot containing 300 Panasonic computer monitors were auctioned off, often at fractions of the original purchase prices. One bidder walked away with a \$55 Apple

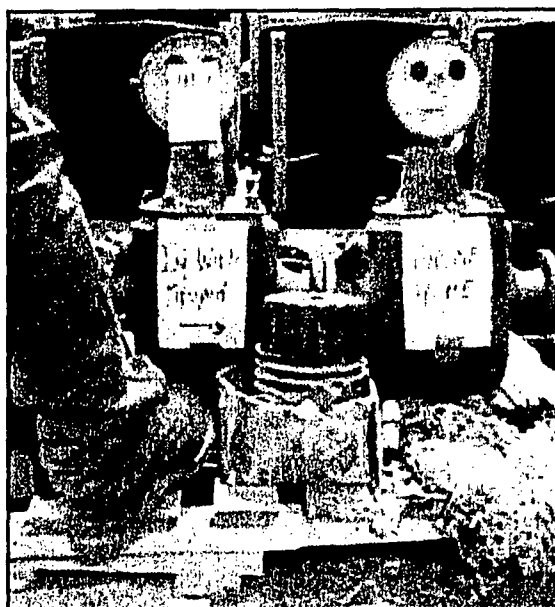


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Many unusual items sat ready to be sold at the Material Distribution Center Tuesday. Some items for sale included a five-foot mixer, dorm chairs and an ice making machine.

Northwest from throwing anything away, so the university must auction off the surplus property to the public.

After the property is sold, Northwest must hand the money over to the state who will take out a 10 percent commission fee for themselves before giving the rest of the money back to Northwest. Northwest will put this money into a general surplus fund, which they plan to use for miscellaneous projects and needs.

Missouri receives no commission fee on two storage buildings paid for wholly by the university. These two buildings, currently up behind the TKE house, provide storage for storing groundskeeping and shop equipment.

The two buildings sold separately for a combined \$4,500 and must be taken apart and removed from their current location by March 31 bearing any bad weather. Brad Walker and Judd Summers, who purchased the buildings both plan to take apart the buildings as soon as they can and then erect them in new locations for their own personal storage.

notebook and printer, while another bought a 1981 Budd trailer for \$1,200.

Surplus auctions are nothing unique for Northwest. The university usually holds anywhere from three to four auctions a year to sell damaged, excess or obsolete property.

Everything was originally purchased with state money. The state of Missouri prohibits

DVD rental now available on campus

BY KELSEY GARRISON

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Step right outside your dorm and into Hollywood.

Students will be able to rent DVDs on campus thanks to partnership between ARAMARK Services and DVDtoRent, an online distribution service.

According to Residential Life Director Mark Hetzler, the partnership began last year in August when ARAMARK contacted DVDtoRent to set up a collaborative relationship for students to rent movies on campus.

ARAMARK and DVDtoRent reached an agreement that allowed the online distributor to set prices and time restrictions on rentals.

ARAMARK will receive between three and five new DVD each week that they can loan onto the student accessible Website for them to reserve.

Station director Kristin Jackson believes that the rental service will be convenient for students without access to transportation.

"It's a great service to add for the students to be able to rent DVDs right here," Jackson said.

Laura Peterson, a Franklin Hall Resident Assistant, also believes the service will provide better access for students.

"I think it's a great idea because people have access to movies they wouldn't normally have access to unless they went to the video store," Peterson said.

Although most students welcomed the new program, junior Charlene Weeks thought students should be able to change the movies to their Aladdin cards.

"It is a good idea to watch movies when it's icy and cold. You can stay on campus, but it's a shame you can't use your Aladdin card," Weeks said.

In order to access the online service, students must establish an online account at TheStation.DVDtoRent.com for a free membership.

Rentals cost \$2.99, with an extended viewing charge of \$1.50 per 24 hours, including Sunday.

Students may pick up the DVDs anytime before 10 p.m. and return them by 1 p.m. on the due day.

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The parking lot behind Roberta Hall will soon close, forcing residents to find alternative parking.

University lots to shut down, alternate parking opened

BY MEGAN CRAWFORD

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Like the bitter January wind, construction changes sweep through the Northwest campus.

Not only will Northwest be demolishing Perrin and Hudson Halls, but they will also be changing parking Feb. 1 to accommodate the situation.

"We have to close certain lots because of construction," Campus Safety director Clarence Green said. "We are opening others, we are not increasing the amount of parking space."

Roberta Hall residents expect to be affected most by the entire situation.

"I don't think that it would be as bad if it were the fall semester and they started changing things," sophomore Roberta Hall resident Lauren Suarez said. "It's just going to get icy and I'll have to walk farther and possibly fall."

Due to the demolition plans, residents will be expected to park in the far lot behind Hudson or behind the Valk Agriculture Professions Center.

Parking behind the agriculture building creates another obstacle, because commuter students also use that lot. With the increased amount of campus residents parking there, the commuter students find other areas to park.

Demolition is scheduled to begin in February.

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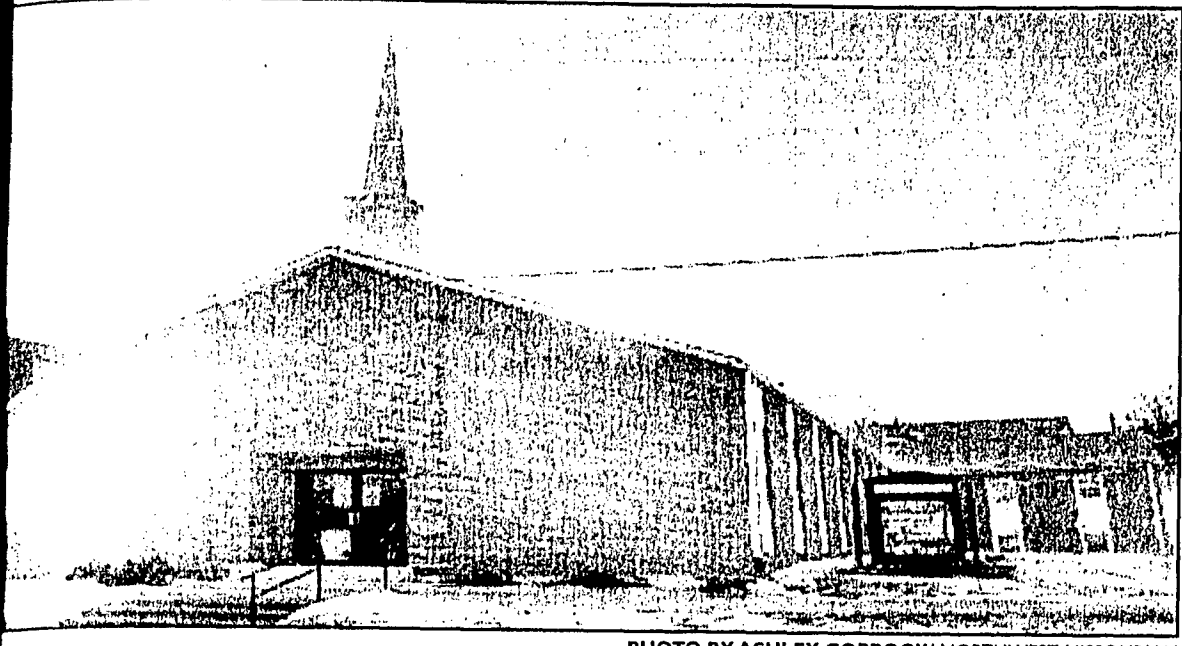


PHOTO BY ASHLEY COPPOCK/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Laura Street Baptist Church will undergo massive building renovations as a part of their seven-phase expansion plan which will begin early. The city gave the church the final approval Monday. A 600 seat auditorium and 24 classrooms will be added.

City okays expansion; volunteers to do work

BY TRAVIS SHIPPEN
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Members of the Laura Street Baptist Church received final approval from city officials to begin their new seven-phase expansion plan.

As part of the plan, the church will undergo massive building changes with the construction of a new 600-seat auditorium and 24 new classrooms.

"There was an obvious need for more room," Pastor Paul McKim said. "This will allow for greater flexibility."

Before Laura Street could start the construction, they created a blueprint as required by the city.

"The blue print must follow building codes such as the 2000 International building code, International Fire Code and the 1999 National Electrical Code," Code Enforcement Officer Jim Wiederholt said. "For a commercial expansion it takes a couple of weeks to get the approval."

Laura Street will put out a contract on February 22 for the demolition and construction. They expect to begin demolition sometime in March.

"It's hard to say exactly when construction will be finished," McKim said.

During the demolition and construction the alley between 1st and Jenkins will be closed.

Members of the church's congregation will be helping with the construction as well as volunteer workers from Laura Street's sister churches.

The church will also look for more volunteer crews in July.

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Three vie for Maryville school board positions

BY GAN CRAWFORD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

On the April 5th election, three Maryville Board of Education spots will be open.

"I want to continue the programs the school and community," incumbent Larry Rusco said. "I would like to continue the academic excellence we have initiated."

Current board members include: incumbent Mark Jelavich, Vice-President Melinda Fulton, David Boyles, La Burnside, Larry Rusco, Ron Vandiver and Mark Watkins. Terms for board members Burnside, Rusco and Vandiver will expire this year. So, the only member seeking reelection, proves to feel very strongly about the school board system.

There are seven other candidates including: Larry Rusco, Dave Oehler, Christine Benson, Roger Baker, Tim John Redden, Gary Bennerotte and Curtis Underwood.

To be a candidate for the board of education, one must meet certain criteria. The candidate must be 24 years of age, live within the school district, reside in the state for at least one

Renovations unveiled at open house

DALLAS READ
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The setting sun illuminated the windows of the high school's recently added cafeteria, as the Maryville R-II School District open house began.

"It's just gorgeous," Superintendent Vicki Miller said. "Everybody that's been through here is just real pleased."

Monday's special open houses at Maryville High School and Eugene Field Elementary gave the district a chance to show residents the different improvements during this last summer.

"(People) didn't realize (the cafeteria) was this big," Maryville High School Principal Ron Landherr said. "If you went in the old cafeteria it was much too crowded. You couldn't get away from the table without banging into the person behind you."

The \$4.7 million construction project added much-needed legroom to both schools. Along with library additions and cafeteria space, each school now contains more classrooms and hallways.

"It's a little more relaxed," Student Council president Jessi Baker said.

"We're not in such close quarters all the time, and with the addition we have more time to walk, without having to go outside."

Before adding the hallway that connects the cafeteria to the science and vocation rooms, students were forced to walk from one building to the cafeteria, even in the slickest conditions.

"An inside hallway that connects the buildings is appreciated," said Miller. "Especially during the winter weather we've been having."

The high school's library now stands nearly doubled in size, adding a new room with an entire wall of glass facing out to the west, where the sun descends. More people begin their tour of the high school in the library where librarian Barb Drake, the most excited person in the building, smiles as she shows parents and children the brand new room of books.

"(The library's) very open and spacious, and much more user friendly than before," Drake said. "It took a while, but it was well worth the work."

Business provides new accommodations to Maryville

DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Travelers wanting to stay at the new Holiday Inn Express over graduation weekend in April need to look elsewhere.

Hotel Manager Lori Schleusner said that the hotel booked all of its rooms for graduation weekend in the first week of business. Schleusner also said that the hotel reached 25 percent capacity on its first day.

"For graduation in April we are already overbooked," Schleusner said.

"I have to hope that I get a couple of cancellations."

Brenda Untiedt, administrative assistant with the Alumni Advancement office, said that many people aren't aware that they must plan accommodations early when they travel to town for events like graduation or homecoming.

"A lot of people don't realize that they have to plan six to eight months in advance," Untiedt said.

Chamber of Commerce Director Lisa Luke believes that the new hotel provides a much-needed tool for attracting conventions and entertainment that the city sometimes misses.

"In the past we have had the opportunity to bring in certain types of shows and entertainment, but we just didn't have enough rooms," Luke said. "With the 900-plus square foot meeting room, we can bring certain conferences to town."

She also said that the Holiday Inn helps attract more big-name businesses to the area.

"Anytime you have franchise names like Holiday Inn or Applebee's in your community, it helps attract other businesses," Luke said.

Luke also said that it will help with big events at the university or events not planned much in advance.

"Anytime that you have a big show at the University or championship games it helps, so people won't have to go all the way to St. Joseph," Luke said.

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Landmark election worries reporter

My View



Aaron Bailey
Senior Reporter

While Sunday's Iraqi elections may appear a glorious triumph for democracy to many, in reality, the U.S.-led experiment will likely produce a government neglecting to accurately reflect the Iraqi people.

Contrary to the conservative take that anyone who initially disagreed with the invasion of Iraq is waiting for the plan to fail, no one in their right mind will gloat when Sunday's events are mired in bloodshed and doubt.

While no one should argue free elections are worse than the tyrannical state Iraqis endured for decades, the fact of the matter is that a select few will actually choose the next leader of Iraq, leaving perhaps hundreds of thousands of Iraqis essentially disenfranchised.

The looming threat of violence from insurgents, the disassociation of Sunni citizens in the voting process and the general underlying feeling of mistrust in America almost assures that the election will be illegitimate and will not produce a credible government.

Sunday night we will view stories on news networks of first-time voters casting ballots with tears rolling down their cheeks, expressing immense

pride in the historic event. But while the fundamental act of voting is one of the greatest feelings a free person can experience, if the election itself proves questionable it can cause even the truest patriot question the process (anyone who voted in the 2000 presidential election knows all about that).

Participation poses the biggest threat to these elections. It's widely believed that if an entire segment of the Iraqi population refuses to take part Sunday, a civil war will be almost inevitable.

"How can we vote if we don't believe what we are voting for?" Khalil Ibrahim, Fallujah resident, asked a reporter in a recent CNN online article.

And as departing Secretary of State Colin Powell said last week, "The insurgency is not going to go away as a result of this election. In fact, perhaps the insurgents might become emboldened."

For anyone who believes this event will mark a reduction in the level of U.S. troops in Iraq, a decade-long lesson lies ahead of them.

But the misconception that there are people rooting for the violence

to escalate is just dead wrong. We all root for peace and stability in Iraq. The simple truth is the incredibly short-sided planning of this administration made democracy in Iraq an almost impossible goal.

While the ideology behind a democratic Iraq may even stand a noble one, the methods and underlying motives all but warped what would otherwise been a worthy cause, into a disaster. The important question here does the end justify the means?

The means cost over 1,400 American lives with more to come in the following years, as well as countless innocent Iraqi civilian lives.

The sacrifice made by these men and women should never be questioned, but international involvement would have likely reduced this number. Couldn't Bush swallow his pride if it meant sparing even one life?

This election will mark a pivotal turn in Iraq's struggle for democracy. Unfortunately, the end result will emphasize the mistakes our administration made to reach this point.

But every American hopes the headlines in Monday's newspapers won't read "Bloody Sunday."

Editor advises perpetual prom mishaps

My View



Cole Young
Editor in Chief

After returning to my hometown this weekend, I had a chance to sit down and talk to my younger brother.

Now that he has entered his final semester of high school, he told me about all the usual senior things: scholarships, housing forms for college, the latest high school gossip and prom. Oh, sweet prom, how about I forget about arguably the dumbest event in the entire school year.

Whenever I think back to my prom experiences, especially my senior prom, I can't help but shudder. Myself and two of my best friends ended up taking girls from a different school, because obviously they would be cooler than girls we already knew. That might have been our only good move of the whole event.

Now, three years later the three of us guys still talk, but aside from a late-

night chat on MSN Messenger when my old prom date is two sheets to the wind, our communication resembles the University's current merger talks.

I'm not alone in the fact that I don't speak to my prom date. After taking a quick poll, mostly of my roommates and those around our house, astounding results showed that nearly 82 percent of the people don't talk to their prom dates.

So as Spoofhounds and my brother prepare for prom this year I offer this advice: Take someone to prom that you don't care if you ever speak to again. Sure, there will be those who will argue with this idea. Those are the high schoolers who gave that magical promise ring to their significant other. Voila! There's your 18 percent.

They will still be talking in three years, but that will be the ones who end up sharing dog-custody with that mutt they picked up shortly after graduation.

Since I'm in the mode of offering prom advice, follow my roommate's lead (I never thought I'd say that). He went to his senior prom by himself. He could have taken a prom date, but instead chose to take just a purple tuxedo to the biggest event in every high schooler's life.

So recapping this, remember these two simple rules when it comes time for prom this April or May:

1. Take someone you either don't want to speak to or someone you hate.
2. Don't even bother with the first rule. Just go by yourself, it's cheaper in the long run.

Your View

What do you think of the Station now renting DVDs? Do you plan on using this service?



"I think it should be a free service since we already pay lot to go to school. I don't plan on using this service because I have a very extensive DVD collection already."

Tony Carlin
BROADCASTING



"I think it's stupid because you can't use your Aladine. Everything else over at the Station is used off your Aladine, so why can't you just rent movies off of it? I don't plan on using it."

Andrea Goss
THERAPEUTIC REC



"I think it's stupid because we can't charge it to our Aladine because they think we will run out of money. We are in college, however, and we can be responsible. I don't plan on using the service."

Abe Qaoud
UNDECIDED



"I think it's awesome. This makes it a lot more convenient since it's on campus and you can charge to your bill, and they have the new releases."

Zach Hull
PARKS AND REC MANAGEMENT

Our View

Economic expansion

Maryville officials ought to ask Northwest students which businesses should fill the vacant area uptown

Money talks in many different ways—but in Maryville, it shouts.

Now, with projects downtown and on south Main Street in the developing stages, it shouts clearer and louder than ever.

Both projects, if done right, will give a much-needed boost of energy to the city, while making Northwest an even better place to go to school.

Last week, *The Northwest Missourian* reported that D.J. Christie, Inc.—a Leawood, Kan.-based development company—recently developed a \$7 million plan near Hy-Vee and Dollar General. The vacant storefront nestled between the two stores will be torn down, giving way to a new Hy-Vee facility and two new tenants, according to the report.

Also last week, the Maryville Revitalization Task Force secured nearly \$600,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help with sidewalk renovations and other infrastructure improvements downtown. The entire project—which includes street furniture and other landscaping plans—will cost \$2.5 million.

But instead of being bogged down with the financials of both projects, both city and University leaders should come together and combine resources. The progress Northwest already shows in its residential hous-

ing plans proves that good things happen if you do your research.

The city of Maryville must reach out to University students to see what they want: entertainment, restaurant shopping and the like. Something as basic as a town hall meeting in the Union will help accomplish this task and the end result will pay dividends.

A study done by *College Planning and Management* labels the advantage of bringing the campus and community together as "town and gown relationships." Environments that include this bond provide schools a competitive advantage in recruiting students, and "will intensify as the college campus village concept is expanded in appropriate locations," the study found.

While it's true Maryville can compete with Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Neb., Kansas City, Mo., even St. Joseph, they can establish something none of those cities provide: a campus-community environment. Instead, schools like the University of Nebraska-Omaha, the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Missouri Western State College exist as commuter campuses, period.

Northwest already provides a great campus environment, but the community environment sits ripe for a change. The two projects in developing stages can help springboard Maryville and Northwest to never-before-seen heights.

Missourian Backtalk



"This semester's Stroller is horrible. I've been reading it every week hoping it will get better and it's just getting worse. I think he needs to be fired, and I think you need to find someone who has something worthwhile to say."

Editor's note: The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Northwest Missourian.

CORRECTION: The photo of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service had the incorrect nursing home listed on page 1A. Nodaway Nursing Home should have replaced Parkdale Manor.

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Council veteran to vacate position

DOMINICK HADLEY
WEST MISSOURIAN

After more than seven years of service to the Maryville community, City Councilman Ron Moss will vacate his spot on the council after his term ends on April 5.

Moss will finish his term, but will not seek re-election during the city's general election.

Moss, who served as mayor before joining the council, leaves to continue his work on several projects throughout the community.

Moss serves on the Community Development Project Committee, the Maryville County Economic Development Corporation and a host of other committees that he felt were in conflict with his council duties.

"I have some other interest; I'm on the committee for the Community Renewal and I'm interested in promoting tourism," Moss said. "I felt that with those things going up they would be taking up a bit of my time."

Although Moss chose to leave the council, he hopes that citizens and his colleagues remember him for his efforts to initiate infrastructure improvements across the city.

"I like to ask the question, if the city council is not dealing with roads, water and sewer then what are we working on," Moss said. "The council works as a team we started improvements on the airport, started a committee for downtown revitalization, a sewer replacement fund."

"So I would like to say the city became more proactive with a lot of things, instead of becoming reactive," he said.

Mayor Michael Thompson says that he will remember Moss for his integrity and ability to give honest feedback.

"One of the things that I have found about Councilman Moss regardless of whether we disagreed, his feedback was based on honesty and true investigation," Thompson said.

STINGS: Town still mourning

happened in such a small town, it is easy for this murder to touch many lives.

"It probably affected several this way, but my feeling of safety has definitely been breached," said Skidmore resident Michelle Allen. "In a little town you don't think this will happen. When it does, it just shatters your comfort zone."

At the same time the community starts down the road to recovery, a woman clad in orange and shackles sits in the federal courthouse in Kansas City, Mo. Through gaps in her straggly blond hair and thick-rimmed glasses she gazes blankly ahead, waiting patiently for her counsel's turn to speak.

Shortly after U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner read aloud her Miranda Rights in the arraignment held Thursday, Jan. 20, Montgomery pled not guilty to all charges, despite previously admitting guilt in an FBI affidavit.

With frequent nods, Montgomery listened to the judge declare that she could face life in prison or the death penalty if convicted.

When Fenner inquired to whether or not the prosecution would be seeking the death penalty, U.S. Attorney Todd Graves responded, "That is our present inclination at this time."

With a guard to each side, Montgomery stared at the ground and her navy blue slip-ons. Montgomery exited the courtroom until her grand jury trial, set to begin March 15.

Edwards urges those affected by the murder to keep a steady routine and to practice healthy self-care habits because both help with the healing process.

If members of the community would like to help the Stinnett family recover from this, Edwards says the best thing to do is to just ask them what they need.

"With how heinous this crime was it feels almost unreal," Edwards said. "It's almost normal to feel as if reality has collapsed in on them."

Though no one can say for sure how long the family's recovery period will last. They are just handling the situation the only way they know how, Allen says.

"Given the situation, they are handling it very well," Allen said. "They are very thankful for Victoria and just focusing on her."



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A U.S. Marine Corps CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter flies over Al Asad, Iraq near the Iraqi-Syrian Border in this Nov. 5, 2004 file photo provided by the Marine Corps. A CH-53E helicopter similar to the one shown, crashed in bad weather in Iraq's western desert Wednesday, killing 30 Marines and one Navy sailor in the deadliest incident for U.S. troops since the war began, officials said.

Soldiers suffer deadliest day

BY JASON KEYSER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. helicopter crashed in a desert sandstorm in the early morning darkness Wednesday, killing the 30 Marines and one Navy sailor aboard. Six other troops died in insurgent ambushes in the deadliest day for Americans since the Iraq war began nearly two years ago.

Only days before Iraq's crucial elections Sunday, militants set off at least eight car bombings that killed 13 people and injured 40 others, including 11 Americans. The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks nationwide against schools that will serve as polling centers.

In Washington, President Bush called on Iraqis to defy terrorism and go to the polls despite relentless insurgent attacks. He said it was a "very discouraging" day when the U.S. death toll for the war rose above 1,400.

The CH-53E Super Stallion was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division on a security mission in support of the election when it went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

The crash occurred during severe weather, but its cause was still under investigation, said Army Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command. An Accuweather map showed sandstorms Wednesday in the western region of Iraq near the Jordanian border where the crash took place.

A search and rescue team was at the site. The victims were 30 Marines and one sailor, said Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the top Marine commander in Iraq - the most American service members to die in a single incident since the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

All but three of the Marines had been based in Hawaii, according to Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii. The deadliest previous incident for U.S. troops was also a helicopter crash: a November 2003 collision of two Black Hawk helicopters that killed 17. Before Wednesday's bloodshed, the

most Americans killed in one day came on the invasion's third day - March 23, 2003 - when 28 troops were killed during the U.S. military's drive to take Baghdad and topple Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. military has not seen such a high loss of life in one day in 15 years - since an explosion ripped through a gun turret on the USS Iowa during a training exercise in the Caribbean in April 1989, killing 47 sailors.

Iraqi security forces and civilians have borne the brunt of violence in Iraq, with bombings often killing scores of people at a time. More than 180 people were killed on March 2, 2004, during a string of suicide attacks at Shiite shrines in Karbala and Baghdad.

Violence has only increased ahead of Sunday's election, which will create a 275-member National Assembly and regional legislatures. Sunni Muslim extremists have threatened to sabotage the election, and many Sunni clerics have called for a boycott because of the presence of U.S. and other foreign troops.

FIRES: Students feel brath of weekend vandals

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A woman added that there have been any reports of cars with their tires slashed around Maryville with the exception of the Maryville school last week.

More and Fedo are now left replacing tires with their own money. "You are pretty much screwed be-

cause you know the university isn't going to help you out," Fedo said. "If you do report it the insurance is going to go up. The tire itself was \$120 alone."

"It sucks, someone is (stupid) enough to ruin something off someone's car just to have fun."

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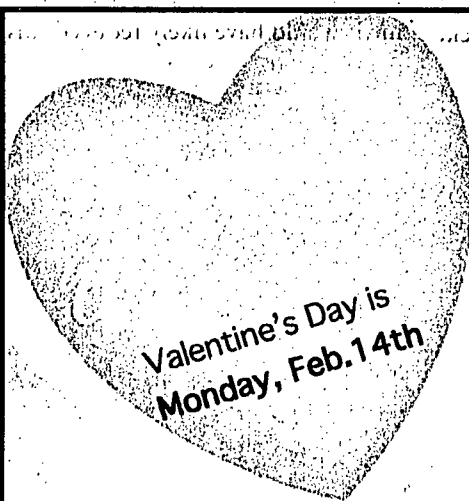
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THE CHOICE IS YOURS?

WITH LAWS BANNING ABORTION, WOMEN'S RIGHTS REMAIN UNCLEAR

BY KRISTINE HOTOP
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A persistent woman from Texas, whose failed marriage would leave her a single mother at 21, appeared in front of the Supreme Court to state her case.

Twenty-two days into 1973, the controversial legalization of abortion made its way into the Constitution, after the Roe vs. Wade court case.

Thirty-two years later, those opposing the legalization continue to unite in the annual March for Life rally. But this year seems different. The pro-life group poses a more powerful backer to their wishes: President Bush.

"I'm pro-life and I am glad that Bush wants to get rid of abortion," graphics design major Hillary Dohrman said. "I don't believe that a child needs to be punished for what someone else did, even in circumstances of rape. The child can always be given up for adoption."

In Bush's previous four-year term, he allowed his religious beliefs to entail what needs to be done within the government. He insisted that no taxpayer money will be used in sponsoring a "brutal practice that needs to be banned," and in 2003 signed the "partial-birth abortion" law stating that obtaining an abortion after 20 weeks is illegal.

More recently, the discussion of laws requiring adolescents to notify parental units in order to obtain contraceptives raises eyebrows to what other types of anti-choice laws will be mandated in the upcoming years.

"I don't believe in abortion and I think it should be illegal," freshman Anjuli Mostek said. "If methods such as the 72-hour pill and birth control pills prove to be a risk, I think they shouldn't be legal too."

In 1973 Norma McCorvey, known as Jane Roe in the Roe vs. Wade court case, took her case to the Supreme Court and succeeded in legalizing abortion in the United States during the first trimester.

Many pro-life advocates question whether the practice should be left to protecting the unborn child, or solely to the decision of the mother.

In the past month, McCorvey appeared back into the

public wanting the Supreme

Court to re-assess her more than thirty year-old case.

McCorvey presents herself as a born-again Christian, and resents her initial actions that created the law to legalize abortion.

"Roe vs. Wade should be overturned," art major Brittany Anderson said. "Most of the time, I think on a pro-life side and I don't like the idea of abortion. At the extreme, I only believe an abortion should take place when the mother's life is on the line."

The evaluation of Roe vs. Wade scores a 5-4 vote between Supreme Court justices while under discussion. Any retirements in the judiciary spots could be the deciding factor in the case's outcome.

Missouri prohibits abortion, but many wanting the procedure cross state borders to Kansas or Illinois in search of assistance. The following bills--still under consideration--pertain to Missouri only.

The Teen Endangerment Bill will hold anyone helping a minor obtain an abortion outside the state of Missouri liable for their actions.

The Parental Notification Act will prohibit a minor from getting an abortion until they notify parental units by written form, in conjunction with parental consent, beforehand. Creation of this bill should discourage adolescents from forging parental acceptance to their actions.

The Gag Rule will prevent any public health facilities from getting any federal financial assistance if referrals to abortion clinics are made. This applies in all cases, including life-threatening ones.

A bill to create an anti-abortion fund appears in the works, the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Fund. All fundraising will be provided by "Respect Life" license plates, purchased by donations only. All money acquired will be used in abortion-alternative funding. The bill should be in effect Aug. 28, 2005, and donations will be placed in the Missouri Alternative to Abortion fund.

Another possible provision requires course materials and information covering human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases to be replaced with information on the health risks, side effects and outcomes of contraceptive methods.

Keeping the pro-life name to the Republican Party remains an important topic for Bush and his committee. If the pro-life argument continues to push the line, excessive anti-choice laws may be a part of America's future.

"If the law-making continues then there really won't be a right for women to choose anymore," public relations major Cara Hood said. "I know what I believe in, but I can't speak for the millions of other women; everyone should have the right to choose what they want to have happen, in any case."

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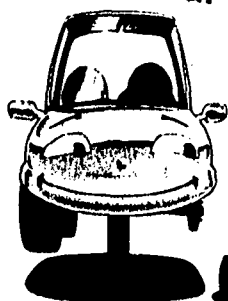
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Bearcats gain Husker transfer

BY JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Despite losing three senior linebackers to graduation, the Northwest football team picked transfer over winter break that could help the gap.

Michael Keenan, former football player at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, comes to Northwest after competing a semester in Lincoln. The 6'2" 220-pound freshman linebacker graduated from Oak Park High School in Kansas City.

"I had friends here, so it was easier to come than it would have been anywhere else in the country," Keenan said.

In high school, he ranked as the nation's eighth-best inside linebacker prospect by Tom Lemming, ESPN's recruiting analyst. Rivals.com, a high school recruiting service, ranked him as a top 10 recruit overall in Missouri. Keenan also received the Simone Award in 2004, an award given to the best football player in the Kansas City metro area.

Keenan left Nebraska after one semester and said playing time did not affect his decision. Keenan played in one game while at Nebraska.

"In this short time that I've been here, I've had a better impression of this place than I did in the same amount of time I had at Nebraska," Keenan said.

Keenan has been at Northwest since the start of the semester and met with the coaches and is pleased with what he has seen so far.

"You could say that if I wasn't impressed by the coaches or what they were doing, I wouldn't have made my decision that quickly, I would have probably just went the other way," Keenan said. "They've definitely had an impact on me."



Keenan

Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is pleased to have Keenan at Northwest and thinks that his connection with Oak Park (currently, three Oak Park graduates play for Northwest) helped influence his decision.

"A lot of that credit goes to some of our current players that are from Oak Park and some of his former teammates and they really enjoy it here and have had success here," Tjeerdsma said. "He saw that and he saw how much fun they were having playing the game and I think that's what he was really looking for, an opportunity to play somewhere but still be able to enjoy it and have fun."

Keenan compiled 86 tackles, three sacks and two forced fumbles in 2003 while at Oak

Park. He also rushed for 1,909 yards and 23 touchdowns during his senior year of high school. However, Keenan does not plan to play at running back and doesn't see it in his future.

"If you're an athlete you can play any position in high school, but there are different kind of athletes," Keenan said. "I'm not the kind of athlete that plays running back in college. I'm that kind of guy that plays linebacker."

Keenan will be eligible to play next year but Tjeerdsma says whether he starts or not depends on what happens between now and next year.

"He's a very good player but he's like all our players and just like our returning guys," Tjeerdsma said. "It depends on what we do in the spring and just how things work out."

Late comeback not enough

Bearcats come out flat in second half, drop first game
Mules in last 10 tries,
Baptist up this weekend

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Northwest entered Wednesday's game against Central Missouri State University knowing they won the last ten match ups with Mules going back to the 1999-2000 season.

The magic and the winning streak ended Wednesday. The No. 10 Mules needed much for the 'Cats to handle, as Central grabbed the 86-78 victory.

Andy Peterson hit a three pointer to tie off the game and give Northwest the lead, but that would be the only time 'Cats would lead all night.

Northwest stayed close to Central through the first half, but found them-

selves down by five at the intermission, 38-33.

The Mules went on 9-0 run to start off the second half and seemed to take total control of the ballgame as they took the lead 70-55 with 6:12 remaining in the game.

The 'Cats refused to lay down and fought their way back throughout the second half. Brandon Maxie hit a three pointer with 33 seconds left in the game to pull Northwest within two, 80-78.

Central hit their free throws down the stretch, and widened their lead, walking off the court to the home crowd's chant of "we're number one."



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86

Emporia St. 78, Northwest 69

The Bearcats stepped onto the floor Saturday night with a memory in the back of their minds. The last time the 'Cats faced off against Emporia State the Hornets defeated a then No. 2 Bearcat team, 72-53 during the 2003-2004 season.

This year found both teams in a different situation though; Emporia State came in with an 11-5 record, and 3-4 in MIAA play. The Bearcats entered the contest 13-5, and 3-4 in MIAA play.

Both teams needed and wanted the win to gain some momentum before they continue through the second part of MIAA play. The Bearcats ended up being the team who got the job done, with a 78-69 victory at Bearcat Arena.

"I feel like the one thing we've really been missing on the team is playing with heart and emotion," senior Jesse Shaw said. "We really made a conscience effort to bring that tonight." Shaw added 13 points and two blocks to the 'Cats attack.

Please see 'BEARCATS' page 2B

Women drop another game to ranked team

BY JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

For the second straight game, the Northwest women played a nationally-ranked basketball team.

And for the second straight game, the Bearcats were handed a loss.

Despite being up five at halftime on No. 2 Central Missouri State University, the Bearcats could not hold on and suffered a 72-56 loss at the Multipurpose Building in Warrensburg, Mo. Wednesday night.

The 'Cats did not go out without a fight. Down 68-56 with 4:59 left, Northwest went on a 16-6 run, cutting the score to 72-62 with 26 seconds left as sophomore Meghan Blay scored all 12 of her points in the final period.

Howe the Jennies' Lindy Apple hit four free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Northwest, up by as much as six, led at half-time 32-27 thanks to a second shot by Friederich.

The Jennies would take the half off on a run and take a 42-27 lead.

Friederich would come back in for the third quarter with less than 10 minutes in the game.

To provide a temporary spark, accounting for four straight Bearcat points to cut the lead to 54-48. However, the spark faded when Friederich fouled out with 1:11 left in the game.



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Meghan Blay looks to make a pass against Emporia State on Saturday night. Blay and the Bearcats fell to the nationally ranked Hornets 63-59 in overtime. They dropped a 78-72 contest against CMSU Wednesday.

Northwest continued to turn the ball over as the Jennies full-court press helped create 22 turnovers.

Freshman Chelsea Ernzen scored a career-high 18 points and picked up nine rebounds while Friederich added 15 for the 'Cats. Central's Maple and Tiffany Vincent led the Jennies with 17 points apiece.

Wednesday's game marked the fourth time during conference play that the 'Cats have suffered a loss by six points or less. Northwest's record now falls to 2-7 in conference play and 9-11 overall.

Emporia St. 63, Northwest 59

The Northwest women's basketball team fell short against the No. 4 team in the nation Saturday.

Despite holding visiting Emporia State to only four field goals in the second half, the Bearcats couldn't pick up the win as they suffered a 63-59 overtime loss.

"It was like two heavyweight fighters that couldn't land the knockout," Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We were both playing great defense, we were physical, we

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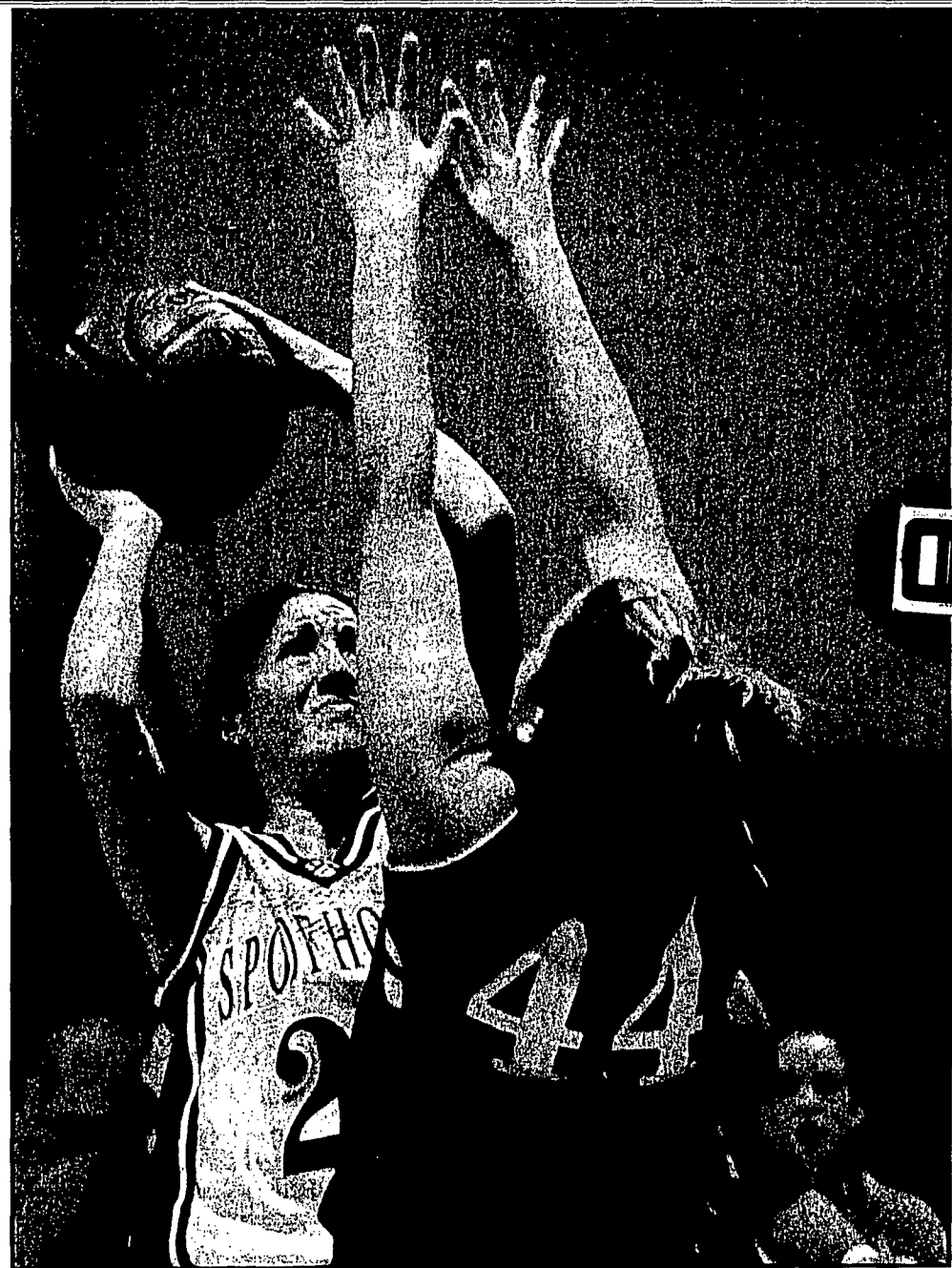


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Kim Wolfer goes up for a shot against Benton on Tuesday. Despite keeping the game close for much of the second half, the top-ranked Cardinals were too much for Maryville. Benton won the contest 51-34.

Benton too much for MHS

BY SHAUNDA FRENCH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville Spoofhounds suffered their fifth straight loss Tuesday night at the hands of the Benton Cardinals.

Although Maryville lost Tuesday night, coach Adam Willard still feels his team gained something out of it.

"We're still young, we're still learning. It's a good game for us," said Willard.

The 'Hounds fell 51-34 to Benton, the No. 1 team in Class 4. Playing an experienced team will help the 'Hounds better prepare for districts.

Maryville never gained a lead against the Cardinals but kept the game close, trailing only 16-15 at the end of the 1st quarter. They trailed by seven, 29-22 at halftime.

In the third quarter Maryville still stayed close to the Cardinals, trailing only 38-29 at the end of the quarter. The full-court press of

the Cardinals finally broke Maryville down though in the fourth quarter. The Cardinals then took a denominating lead that they kept throughout the rest of the game.

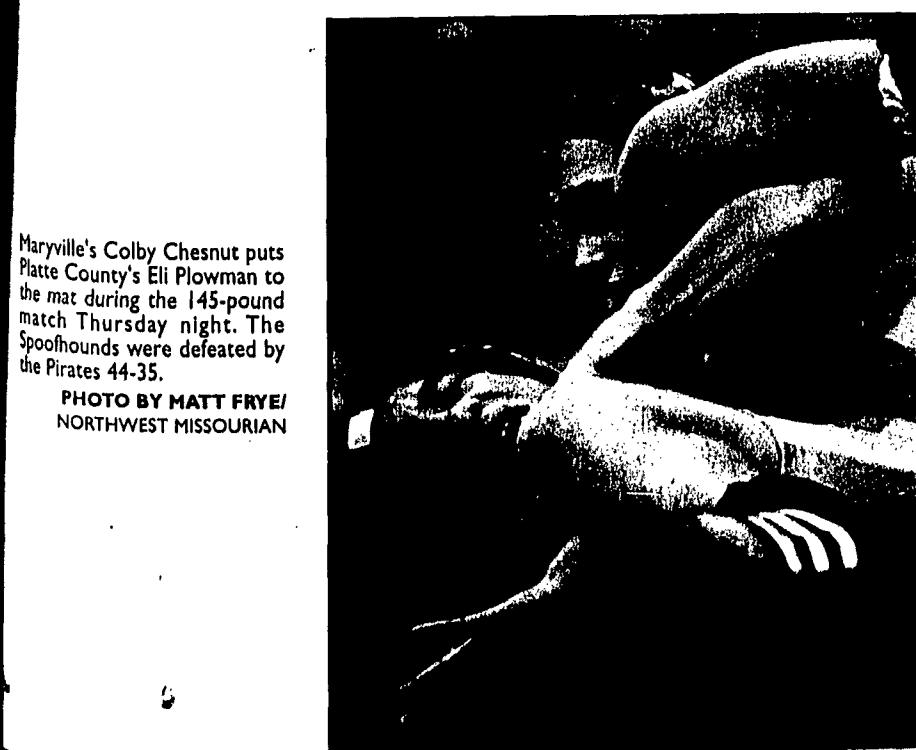
"We got anxious, nervous and impatient on offense," Willard said.

Junior Kim Wolfer scored 10 points for Maryville, all in the first half.

Wolfer felt that the first half the Spoofhounds kept up with the quick-paced Cardinals, but in the second half foul trouble, bad passing and poor blocking all contributed to the 'Hounds' loss.

"(We) just have to get better," said Wolfer. "No matter if we win or lose, Coach always says we have to get better."

The 'Hounds, who now stand at 8-7, hope to break their five-game losing streak Friday night when they host Savannah at home at 7:30. They also host Platte County, Tuesday night at 7:30.



Maryville's Colby Chesnut puts Platte County's Eli Plowman to the mat during the 145-pound match Thursday night. The Spoofhounds were defeated by the Pirates 44-35.

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Despite pins, Spoofhounds taken down by Pirates

BY ZACK WARD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Going into their match against Platte County (No. 1 in Class 2) last Thursday, the Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team hadn't performed to their potential so far this year, according to their head coach.

That changed Thursday night with one of their best duals of the year. The night began on a bad note when Zach Steins was pinned in the first match of the night. However, Spoofhound Jason Tuggle shifted the momentum back in the 'Hounds favor in the 112-pound match as he pinned Rory Richeson.

"Almost every kid that won pinned their opponent," Coach Joe Drake said. "Tuggle pinned his man in 15 seconds, so you can't get much better than that."

Cody Gillenwater followed up with a win finished without a pin. After that the

'Hounds dropped the next three matches and fell behind 29-11 in total points.

With such a large deficit to overcome, Colby Chesnut took the mat and pinned Platte County's Eli Plowman with 56.4 seconds left in the second period.

The 'Hounds Skyler Vandiver and Dan Blair followed with pins, each coming in the second period. That tied the score 29-29 with just four weight classes left.

Platte County's Joe Henson answered back as he pinned Cliff Robertson in the second period of the 171-pound weight class. The 'Hounds Ryan Schleusner won the next match to pull the score back even at 35.

The next match between the 'Hounds Keith Starr and Platte County's Davis Scheertz, proved a back-and-forth as both wrestlers missed several opportunities to pin their opponents. It ended without a pin, going the full three periods with

Scheertz winning the decision 6-5. That gave Platte County an overall lead of 38-35.

It seemed the match was over with Chayse Barr going up against a much stronger opponent, Platte County's Jake Mallonee. Mallonee overpowered Barr and pinned him easily with 53.4 seconds remaining in the first period. With that, the 'Hounds dropped the match 44-35. Despite the loss, Drake remains upbeat and optimistic about the rest of the season.

"That was the best we've wrestled all year," Drake said. "We're starting to get into that wrestling mode now that we're wrestling every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday."

Maryville defeated Benton Tuesday night 54-24 in St. Joseph to improve their conference record to 2-3. Their next dual will be Thursday at 7 p.m. against Smithville at Maryville High School.

Freshman performs well at first-ever college pentathlon

BY SETH WOODERSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Aaron Black, a freshman on the Northwest Track and Field team, received his first taste of collegiate-level athletics as he traveled to Crete, Nebraska to compete in the Kip Janvrin Pentathlon.

Black, originally recruited as a high jumper, completed all of the five events including a third place finish in the high jump with a leap of 6'1 1/2 inches. He scored 2775 points, landing him the 17th spot out of 24 participants.

"I threw the shot pretty well, (but) I could have improved (the) high jump," Black said, "(and) the

1000 wasn't too bad considering I had four events before."

Coach Richard Alsup seemed pleased with Black's performance.

"This (was) Black's first competition on the collegiate level and it turned out quite well," he said.

Black also finished fifth in the shot put with a heave of 38'9 1/2".

"(It was) pretty much what I was expecting - definitely exhausting," Black, originally from Buffalo, Missouri, said.

Other athletes who normally compete in the pentathlon event, A. J. Roth, Courtland Ingram and Patrick Sasser, did not participate due to injuries as well as personal reasons.

The Northwest track and field

team will travel next to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Iowa State Open indoor meet.

"This meet is always a good chance to see where we are condition-wise, because it is 300-meter track instead of a 200-meter track," Drew Wilson said.

The annual competition will be held January 28-29 at the Harry Hoak Track, located in the Lied Recreation Facility. Results from the meet will be posted at cyclones.collegesports.com as well as at northwestbearcats.com

Aaron Black will only be participating in the high jump but hopes to improve his jump from that of the previous meet.

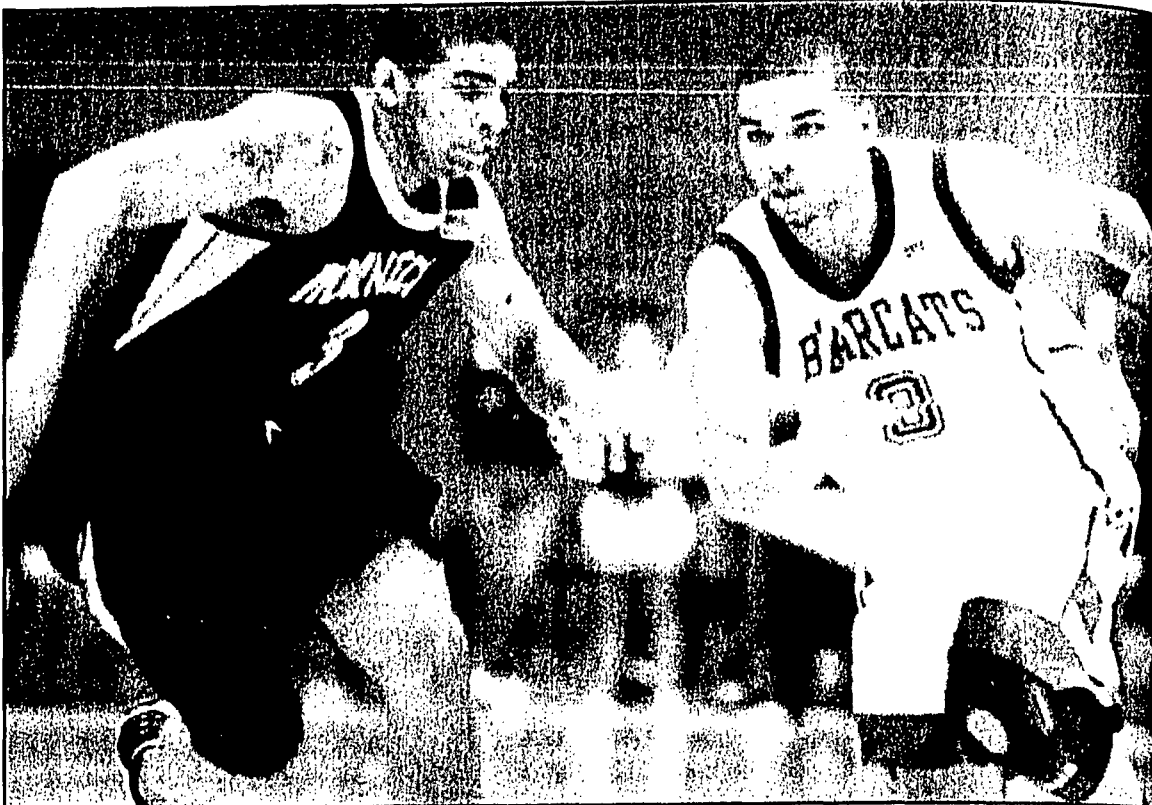


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Northwest's Sky Wilson drives by Emporia's Tyrell Sledge during the Bearcats 78-69 victory on Saturday. Wilson added 14 points for 'Cats in his second game back from his knee injury. The Bearcats now host Southwest Baptist on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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BEARCATS: Northwest comes away with victory

The Bearcats would throw some space in between themselves and the Hornets in the first half, only to see it disappear. The 'Cats led 25-18 with just over six minutes remaining when Emporia State began a 12-0 run that ended at 2:56 with two Sky Wilson free-throws. Austin Meyer would hit a three pointer with 49 seconds remaining in the half, to tie up the game 32-32 going into the intermission.

Northwest would use a 19-9 run after halftime to jump back in front of Emporia State. The 'Cats would

not trail after that. Northwest grabbed 24 points from the free-throw line in the second half to put them over the top. In a game that featured 45 total fouls, the 'Cats hit 29 of 36 shots from the line and a cool 80 percent for the game.

"We were really having trouble getting baskets," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We needed points however we could get them and we got them from the line tonight."

The referees looked as though they felt tired of blowing their whistles in the second half with 29

of the 45 fouls coming in the second half.

"It was a strange game with a lot of changes in momentum and playing flying around," Tappmeyer said. "It was a pretty intense ballgame, but especially in the second half."

The Bearcats will now host Southwest Baptist University Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The Bearcats will look to redeem themselves against Central Missouri State Bearcat Arena on Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

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WOMEN: Powerhouse Emporia too much for young Bearcats

were pounding each other around, battling for every board but neither team could score."

Northwest bounced back after trailing by nine at halftime and cut the lead to 49-46 with less than three minutes in regulation. Freshmen Kalena Kenney and Chelsea Ernzen hit three free-throws down the stretch to tie the game at 49 with 1:07 left.

Emporia's Nicole Patry would then come up short on a jumper two possessions later with less than three seconds left.

Patry redeemed her missed chance, however, as she scored nine points in the extra period and hit a huge three-pointer with 55 seconds left to seal the victory for Emporia.

Despite the loss, Northwest received some very good play from Ernzen who put in 13 points and eight rebounds while being guarded by Emporia's 6'3" Esmay Vargas-Sanchez.

"We've been looking to do different moves and we know that we can't shoot over people," Ernzen said. "I think that

helped me out a lot tonight knowing that I couldn't shoot over Vargas-Sanchez and so I had to use different moves. I wasn't going to be able to shoot over 6'3" and about 6'6" with her arms up."

Sophomore Katie O'Grady also added 13 points while senior Ashely Poptanycz picked up seven rebounds and added eight points. Northwest turned the ball over a season-high 25 times.

The loss puts the 'Cats at 2-6 in the conference and 9-10 overall. While Steinmeyer knows a win would have meant a lot, he expressed satisfaction with his team's effort. The team currently stands at No. 7 in the MIAA standings. As the second half of the season starts, every win counts, especially when only the top eight teams advance to the MIAA Tournament in Kansas City in March.

"It still would have solidified our position and so it got away from us," Steinmeyer said.

The team will be back home Saturday to host Southwest Baptist at 1:30 p.m. and will also host Central Missouri State Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.



FILE PHOTO

Northwest graduate Jamaica Rector hauled in four catches for 50 yards on Saturday while playing in the Hula Bowl.

Rector leads the way for receivers at the Hula Bowl

Northwest graduate Jamaica Rector might have improved his chances of getting drafted thanks to his performance on Saturday at the Hula Bowl in Wauluku, Maui.

Rector lead the way for the East All-Stars as he caught four passes for 50 yards, the most by any receiver all day. He also returned a punt for 30 yards and a kickoff for 17 yards as the East beat the West 20-13.

MIAA LEADERS

Scoring		Scoring		Rebounding	
Women's	PPG	Men's	PPG	Women's	PPG
1. Barbosa, Selma-MWSC	18.2	1. Jackson, Eddie-PSU	22.2	1. Smith, Gwyn-SBU	22.2
2. Scrivner, Kami-PSU	17.9	2. Robbins, Travis-WU	20.3	2. Poptanycz, Ashely-NWMSU	20.3
3. Klein, Janelle-PSU	16.4	3. Burks, Jermaine-UMR	17.9	Men's	
4. Hallman, Aubrie-MSSU	15.6	4. Cavness, Orestus-MSSU	17.2	1. Robbins, Travis-WU	17.2
5. Wilson, Vonny-MSSU	15.2	5. Bolds, Demarius-MWSC	16.5	2. Shaw, Josh-UMR	16.5

*Statistics do not include Wednesday night's games

Dodgeball: The infamous sport rolls into Northwest

BY AARON NELSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Movies inspire college students in a variety of ways.

For example, "Road Trip" idolized the notion of a group of friends traveling across country together. Both "Animal House" and "Old School" gave twenty-somethings plenty of material for pranks and other activities synonymous with the college lifestyle. However, the list does not end there. The newest addition at Northwest is the interest in intramural dodgeball, generated by the release of the film "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story."

"It's a new thing, and we like the movie. We wanted to see how much fun it is," Marcus Muhs said.

Muhs' sentiments come as no surprise for Jake Meyer, Graduate Assistant in charge of intramural dodgeball. In fact Bob Lade, Director of Campus Recreation and his staff envisioned the

popularity from the conception of the idea at the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association conference last spring in Albuquerque, N.M.

"With the movie coming out this summer, my boss Bob Lade thought it would be a good way to get people to come participate," Meyer said.

Even though many people are excited to participate, there are two places according to Muhs that no one wants to get hit: "Either in the groin or in the face."

Although the movie brought a lot of exposure to the sport, it was not depicted without some discrepancies between Hollywood's version and the official rule book used by the Recreational Center, from The National Amateur Dodgeball Association.

According to Meyer, two major differences exist.

"There's no getting back into the game once you're knocked out. If (the ball) bounced off my shoulder I would

be the only one who could catch it (to stay in the game)."

Along with those rules court monitors are used to administer the rest of the games' regulations, including an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for balls thrown above the shoulders. As well as for arguing with a court monitor, two unsportsmanlike penalties results in the offending team forfeiting the game, and playing with five players instead of six in their next game.

Winners are decided in a best of two out of three games format. No one game can last more than five minutes. The winner after five minutes is the team with the most members left after the time limit has expired. If there is a tie, sudden death overtime is implemented. The first player to be declared out loses the game for his or her team.

Although dodgeball may take the courage and skill of many other sports, in the end the winners mostly play for pride. However, the winners of each

tournament also receive a T-shirt.

Dodgeball may be a new way to have fun and get some exercise at Northwest and its birth at Northwest is the result of the release of a comedy, but one team's motivation for playing is far from funny. Their dedication is that of men who must win. It's much more than fun and games for the team nicknamed "Stanton Time," as that team plays in mourning.

"Stanton Time" refers to the late Cory Stanton, a friend and former Northwest football player, to all those members who play in his honor. He passed away Dec. 22 as the result of an automobile accident.

"(Seth Wooderson) told me the team was named 'Stanton Time' and I was sure I wanted to be on it. We put a team together in remembrance of Cory, and we're out here to have some fun. We figured this was the best way to do it," sophomore Matt Weeder said.



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Alpha Sigma Alpha member Rachel Chase, left, participates in this week's dodgeball at Northwest's Recreation Center Monday night. The four-night intramural league concludes Thursday with tournament play.

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Freshman Chelsea Ernzen contributed 13 points and eight rebounds Saturday against Emporia State.

Chelsea Ernzen Sky Wilson

In his second game back, Sky Wilson added 14 points, nine of which came from the free throw line. The 'Cats won 78-69 over Emporia.

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Savannah knocks off No. 2 'Hounds

BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

When the Maryville Spoofhounds basketball team stepped off the bus Tuesday night, they entered the gym on courtwarming night. The excitement from the stands carried onto the floor and led to a fast-paced physical game, with trash talking premium. After the final words were exchanged, Savannah emerged with a 48-37 overtime victory over the 'Hounds. "It was a very emotional game for Savannah," coach Mike Kuwitsky said. "I think it was the first time they have won since 1991."

words as the players headed into the locker rooms.

"A little emotion got involved tonight," Kuwitsky said. "It's one of our areas on defense we have to continue to improve on, we have to keep our heads and not get so emotional."

Maryville came out from the intermission playing with passion and determined to find a way back into the game. Seniors Syd Brisbane and Josh Wilmes each hit three point baskets to start the quarter, and by the end of the third quarter the 'Hounds only trailed by two, 34-32.

In the first half it appeared as though Savannah found a way to shut down the Maryville offense, by keeping constant pressure on Josh Wilmes and double-teaming him whenever he caught the ball close to the basket. Wilmes and the 'Hounds found a way around the defensive pressure in the second half by moving the ball around and hitting the open man, left open as a result of the double

team. Wilmes would end the night with 15 points, seven rebounds and one block.

"When they double me down that leaves someone else open," Wilmes said. "We just had an off night tonight, but we'll get them back at home."

Maryville grabbed a two-point lead with 6:04 left in the fourth quarter due to a Brisbane basket and free throw. The rest of the fourth quarter would be a back and forth battle.

Maryville obtained possession of the ball with 1:08 remaining in the game. The 'Hounds worked the clock down and senior Garin Blair would put up a last second three from the corner only to see it dance on the rim and fall off, sending the game into overtime.

"The first half was all theirs, they came out ready to play with a lot of energy and enthusiasm," Kuwitsky said. "We played much better in the second half as far as the intensity level, but we still had too many mistakes and turnovers."

With 53 seconds remaining in the

overtime period senior Matt Jasinski would snatch a steal and hit a lay-up at the other end to pull Maryville within one, 45-44. Savannah would hit two free throws, and Maryville would obtain possession once again, trailing by three with 19 seconds remaining. Maryville took two chances at three point baskets, but neither fell. Savannah would hit one more free throw to end the night and give Maryville the four-point loss.

Tuesday night marked the 'Hounds third loss of the season with their first two losses coming to powerhouses Liberty and Shawnee Mission East (Kansas) in the William Jewell tournament. The loss puts Maryville at 14-3 overall. They will be at Benton on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"They (Savannah) are a good team and they gave it everything they had, they deserved the win," Kuwitsky said. "We play them again at our place and we'll be ready for them."

Whose house?



MORRY GASH/AP PHOTO
Illinois' Roger Powell, Jr. drives to the basket with Wisconsin's Zach Morley (44) and Michael Flowers (22) defending in the first half Tuesday in Madison, Wis. Morley, a Maryville native, and the Badgers could not stop the No. 1 team in the nation as the Fighting Illini beat Wisconsin 75-65 and snapped the Badgers' 38-game home winning streak.

Editor recalls glory days of sports

Driving around town the other night

passed by a father and son playing basketball in their driveway. It's something I've seen a thousand times before, for some reason time I froze. I sat in my car and watched as they passed the ball back and forth and saw shots up at the hoop. A smile covered my face.



Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

Finally, after realizing that I was just moving by and staring, I put my foot on the gas and made my way back to campus.

Those moments like this that remind me

of the good left in the world. It reminded me that while the rest of the world might be falling apart and pulling us in every direction, for a moment time can stand still. Sports hold the power to help us forget; they take us away from the stress of today and show us what has been and what could be.

Far too often coaches and players get caught up in winning or making more money. They yell and curse, they make kids think that nothing is ever good enough and somewhere along the way, sports lose their innocence.

I can still remember the first time that I played catch with my dad. He spent more time chasing down the ball than anything, but I don't remember that summer night because I did something amazing. I remember that night because it was

the purest the game would ever be for me. It was the very beginning; before I knew that professional athletes earn more money than the president of the United States and that my favorite players would leave Kansas City at the drop of a hat to join a "winner."

As that little kid throwing the baseball with all my heart and watching as it fell short of my father's glove, I understood the world the best. It was before I started listening to what everyone else told me I should do. It was a time when I still believed that all my dreams could come true and I thought that life was always what you wanted it to be.

Since then, I have grown up. I graduated high school and moved on to college. Everyday, the real world moves closer and closer, but what I have come

to realize is that perhaps I lost a lot more than I gained. When I was a little kid all I worried about was when my dad and I would play catch again, or when I would be able to go fishing the next time. Now, I worry about tests, grades, writing, friends, what I'm going to do with my life and of course girls.

They say that it's called growing up, or becoming mature, but wasn't life a lot easier when the world revolved around a ball and a dream? Sports hold a lot of power, and I realized that night driving around that even though our lives and our dreams change, sometimes it only takes a memory from the past to remind us of who we really are.

After all, I'm pretty sure that the little five-year-old kid we used to be knew us better then than we know ourselves now.

Sportswriters and Sportscasters' Association basketball rankings

BOYS

- Class 3
1. ST Cardinal Ritter 10-1
2. Maryville 11-2
3. Miller Career Academy 11-3
4. ST John Burroughs 10-1
5. Kaiser-School of the Osage 12-0
6. Cameron 10-3
7. Portageville 11-3
8. Mountain Grove 11-4
9. Versailles 10-2
10. Caruthersville 11-2


GIRLS

- Class 3
1. St. Peters-Lutheran 17-0
2. ST Hancock 11-1
3. Kahoka-Clark County 13-2
4. Smithville 13-2
5. Fair Grove 13-2
6. Fayette 13-1
7. Benton Kelly 14-1
8. Boonville 12-4
9. Eugene 12-2
10. Trenton 15-1

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—Timothy, Age 7



THE STROLLER

Easy, tell somebody how much Napoleon Dynamite sucked.

That's right, I said it. Napoleon Dynamite sucked. It just plain sucked. It gives new meaning to the word 'suck.' "How much does it suck?" you ask. Have you ever been sitting in class and thinking "I wonder when that grade-deciding research paper is due?" and then the professor walks into class and says "Okay, class, pass your grade-determining research papers to the front." And then you literally soil your pants while you're surrounded by Bearcat Steppers who until that point in time had actually been talking to you.

And then the Steppers shoot your beloved dog, execution-style. That's how much Napoleon Dynamite sucked.

But you would never guess it from the amount of people that quote such brilliant zingers from the film as "Gosh!" or "Idiot!" or "I caught you this delicious bass!" I tell you what, those lines never get old. Ever.

"Greatest movie since the Godfather!" they say.

"Funniest film since Shindler's List!" they proclaim.

If we had just blasted Napoleon Dynamite through speakers at Camp Carmel during the Waco standoff, I think the Davidians might have surrendered within an hour, tops.

And the next person to walk up to me in the Union and order a Quesadilla gets punched in the throat. Hard.

But to its credit, Napoleon Dynamite did do something admirable. It tricked the American public into paying \$7 to see it in a movie theater and then turned around and tricked them AGAIN by getting them to pay \$19.95 for the DVD!!! Brilliant!!! It's like when scientists send the mouse through the maze to find the cheese but when it takes a bite out of the cheese, it gets zapped; so eventually the mouse learns not to bite into the cheese. Except this time the mouse keeps going for the taser. Not even L. Ron Hubbard could have come up with a bigger scam!

This is why I believe that writer/

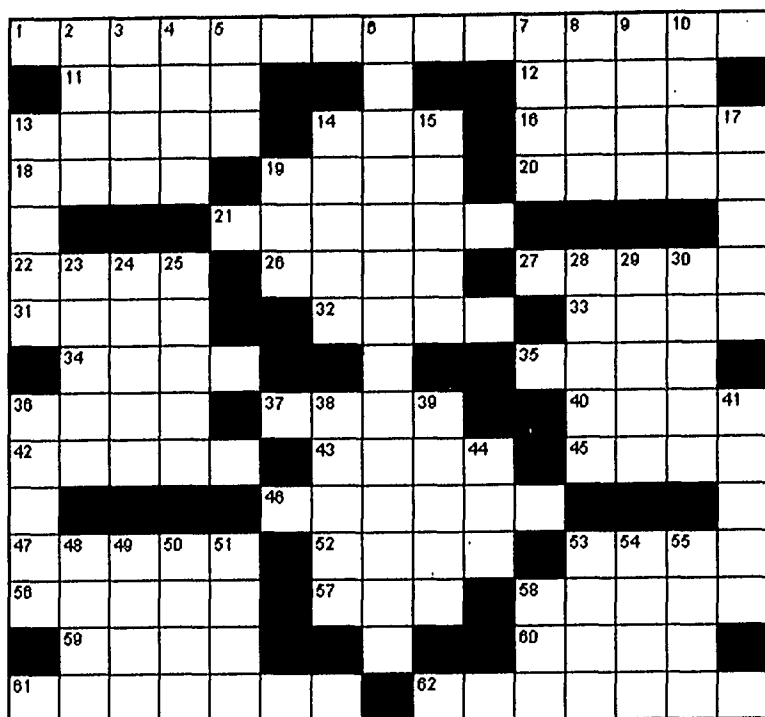
director Jared Hess may be the devil incarnate. If you rework the letters in his name, you get "Hades Rajes." See the Greeks had a hereditary defect that prevented them from writing the letter "G," which unfortunately led the Romans to believe that they were actually dealing with a race of pompous dyslexics called the Jerks (Jrecks). Especially when the Jerks tried to convince the world that the "flat was earth."

But I believe that Satan/Beelzebub/Lucifer/Scott Stapp/ Jared Hess created Napoleon Dynamite for the sole purpose of destroying life as we know it.

Soon, legions of teenagers will become obsessed with Napoleon Dynamite. The English Language as we know it will be dumbed down to consist only of lines from Napoleon Dynamite. Instead of a "Hello," we will start greeting people with "I like your sleeves." Tator tots and steak will become our sole choices of sustenance. We'll all move to Idaho also known as "The Gateway to Hell State." Then the earth will open up and we'll all get swallowed down into the belly of the beast where we'll be forced to watch the mortal enemy of Napoleon Dynamite: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

- 1. Humanitarian principles
- 11. Western pact
- 12. Completed
- 13. Supplement
- 14. Firmament
- 16. Addition
- 18. Composition in verse
- 19. Inhabitant of Denmark
- 20. Untidy
- 21. Lament
- 22. Youths
- 26. Bends downward
- 27. Wrong
- 31. Way out
- 32. The lowest

female singing voice

- 33. Wander
- 34. Alcoholic drink of fermented honey
- 35. An Egyptian descended from the ancient Egyptians
- 36. Dull
- 37. Cushions
- 40. Propagative part of a plant
- 42. Beginning
- 43. Management
- 45. Whirlpool
- 46. Monkey
- 47. Crews

Down

- 2. Untie
- 3. Created
- 4. Minute particle
- 5. Not (prefix)
- 6. Expression of appreciation
- 7. First man
- 8. Not one
- 9. Taverns
- 10. Observes
- 13. Edible fruit

- 14. Islands between Hawaii and Australia
- 15. Something that causes fermentation
- 17. Compound tissue in vascular plants
- 19. Debutante
- 23. Person who wields an ax
- 24. Eats to a plan
- 25. Declare
- 28. Got up
- 29. Ran with long easy stride
- 30. Satisfied
- 36. Castle water pits
- 38. Male friend
- 39. Look happy
- 41. Approaching death
- 44. Make lace
- 48. The Orient
- 49. Melody
- 50. Germinated grain used in brewing
- 51. Foot covering
- 53. Male children
- 54. Hog sound
- 55. A single time
- 58. General Services Administration

On the edge

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■ The first women's intercollegiate basketball game was held in 1892. Stanford University defeated the University of California at Berkeley.

■ The concealed lace basketball was introduced in 1977. Before the concealed lace, the ball bounced at unexpected angles when the lacing hit the floor.

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■ Basketball is most popular sport among college women, followed by volleyball and tennis.

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Useless knowledge

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Kansas City

Jan. 28 Cheap Trick
Ameristar Casino

Jan. 28 American Hi-Fi
Beaumont Club

Jan. 28 Riddlin Kids
Beaumont Club

Jan. 31 June
El Torreon

Omaha

Jan. 28 Beep Beep
Sokol Underground

Jan. 28 If Hope Dies
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Jan. 28 Mike Flores
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